

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE "Old" GEE

## What is covered on the Graduation Exit Examination ("Old" GEE)?

### Written Composition

- Responsiveness
- Support/Elaboration/Organization
- Sentence Formation
- Usage
- Mechanics

### English Language Arts

- Vocabulary
- Comprehension
- Writing Mechanics
- Word Usage
- Sentence Structure
- Study Skills

### Mathematics

- Fractions and Operations
- Decimal Numbers and Operations
- Percent, Ratio, and Proportion
- Measurement
- Geometry
- Graphs, probability, and Statistics
- Pre-Algebra
- Algebra I

### Science

- Scientific Method
- Biology/Life Science
- Earth and Space Sciences/General Science
- Physics/Physical Science

### Social Studies

- Understanding American History
- Understanding Civics
- Understanding Free Enterprise
- Using Social Studies Skills

## Is passing the Graduation Exit Examination a requirement for receiving a diploma?

Yes. The exam became a requirement for high school graduation beginning with the 1991 graduating class.

## Who takes the Graduation Exit Examination?

All regular education students and special education students who are in specially designed regular instructional programs.

## When do students take the Graduation Exit Exam?

Students in the 10th grade take the Written Composition, English Language Arts, and Mathematics tests, and students in the 11th grade take the Science and Social Studies tests.

## How was the passing score for each test determined?

Following a thorough statistical study of the data and in consultation with measurement experts and in consultation with measurement experts and Louisiana educators, the State Superintendent of Education recommended the passing score for each test to the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for its final approval.

## Do students who fail one or more of the five tests have to retake the entire exam?

No. Students are required to retake only the test(s) which they do not pass.

## Can students who fail one or more tests get help?

Yes. Remedial assistance is provided by the local school districts for students who fail one or more parts of the exam.

## When are retest opportunities offered?

Retest administrations are offered twice during the 11th grade and three times during the 12th grade. An additional retest opportunity for non-graduating seniors is offered in June.

## What accommodations are made in giving the tests?

The tests are administered so that all students have sufficient time to finish them. Large-print and Braille versions of the test are provided as needed. For students with special needs, the Graduation Exit Examination is adapted as specified by each student's Individualized Education Program. (IEP).

## The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (SBESE) Graduation Exit Examination Policy calls for the following:

- In addition to completing a minimum of 23 Carnegie units of credit, the student shall be required to pass the Graduation Exit Examination, beginning with the 1991 graduating class. This shall first apply to students classified as sophomores in 1988-89 and thereafter.
- The Written Composition, English Language Arts, and Mathematics components of the Graduation Exit Examination shall first be administered to students in the 10th grade.
- The Science and Social Studies components shall be first administered to students in the 11th grade.
- Remediation and retest opportunities will be provided for students who do not pass the tests.
- Prior to or upon the student entering the 10th grade, all local school systems shall notify each student and parents or guardians of the requirement to pass the Graduation Exit Examination.
- Students transferring to any high school of a city or parish school system shall be notified by that system of the requirement of passing the Graduation Exit Examination upon entering that school system.